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TESTING OF VACCINES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement authorising the testing of vaccines of genetic fabrication on the population of India was signed in 1987 between some American and D.B.T. Laboratories;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the said agreement granted access to the epidemiological and immunity profile of the population of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e) : The National Institute of Immunology (NII) an autonomous institution of Department of Biotechnology had mutually beneficial co-operation agreement with the International Committee on Contraception research of the Population Council, New York, USA, during 1986-88. As part of this cooperation, the Population Council supplied human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG) and its subunits and also helped the institute to acquire in-house capability for purification of b-hCG by GMP/GLP procedures. None of laboratories of the Department of Biotechnology had made any agreement to provide access to the epidemiological and immunity profile of the population of India. The research work has been done for development of a fertility control vaccine at National Institute of Immunology.